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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS

REFS: A) STATE 133602; B) STATE 136591

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS CONTAINED REF A THIS WEEK WITH DR. WALTER BACKES, IN CHARGE OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS INCLUDING CERDS AND NIEO MATTERS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE LEFT WITH BACKES PAPER SUMMARIZING U.S. VIEWS PER REF A AND STRESSED NEED FOR QUICK ACTION PER REF B.

2. BACKES REITERATED AUSTRIAN SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS RE CERDS AND SIMILAR EXERCISES. AUSTRIAN OBJECTIONS CLOSELY PARALLEL THOSE OF U.S. AS SUMMARIZED APRA 3 REF A. HE WELCOMED U.S. ATTEMPT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEM OF HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES BOTH SUBSTANTIALLY AND PROCEDURALLY. HE SAID HE WOULD PROMPTLY CONSULT WITHIN GOA AND MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, TO GIVE US RUNDOWN ON AUSTRIAN REACTIONS TO U.S. VIEWS.

3. BACKES NOTED THAT ISSUES OF CERDS AND RELATED PROBLEMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED IN OECD. IN VIEW OF SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS INCLUDING SECOND PREOARATORY COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK, BACKES WAS AFRAID THAT IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO DEVELOP UNIFORMITY IN APPROACH BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH BACKES NOTED VERY STRONG OBJECTION OF AUSTRIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO CERDS, HE ALSO STATED THAT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT IN OPEN FORUMS TO OPPOSE SUCH DECLARATIONS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AUSTRIAN OFFICIALDOM AND BUSINESS INTERESTS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT CERDS AND RELATED EXERCISES, PRESENT SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY LIKES TO TAKE PROMINENT ROLE IN CULTIVATING CLOSER TIES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND HAS BEEN PREPARED TO GO TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS NOT TO ANTAGONIZE THEM. WE THEREFORE DO NOT SEE GOA TAKING CONSPICUOUS ROLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A UNIFIED POSITION AS OUTLINED REF A. WE BELIEVE AUSTRIA UN REP JANKOWITSCH WHO IS CLOSE TO CHANCELLOR, WILL PLAY KEY ROLE IN AUSTRIAN REACTION, AND WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT USUN REITERATE OUR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO HIM. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF CONVERSATION WITH BACKES NEXT WEEK, EMBASSY PLANS TO PURSUE MATTER WITH HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE. WE WILL REPORT GOA REACTIONS AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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